



MSW Foundation-Year Internship

Internship Description

The Clinical Intern I position is a first-year MSW internship designed to provide students with a broad, well-supported introduction to clinical social work practice within a community mental health agency. This internship meets the requirements for MSW foundation-year core competencies and emphasizes ethical practice, professional identity development, client engagement, documentation, interdisciplinary collaboration, and service delivery within systems of care. Interns gain exposure to Josselyn's holistic, trauma-informed approach to supporting children, adolescents, adults, and families, with a particular focus on Medicaid-eligible populations and access to mental health care for all.

Learning Activities and Responsibilities

Client Engagement and Intake Support

Clinical Interns serve as an initial point of contact for individuals seeking services, building foundational skills in engagement, assessment, and professional communication. Under close supervision, interns:

- Shadow intake clinicians conducting phone and portal-based intakes
- Provide empathetic listening and support to individuals exploring services
- Assist clients with navigating the intake process, including scheduling and completion of required documentation and screenings
- Providing internal referrals (e.g., The Resiliency Center (formerly The Living Room)) and external community resources (e.g., NAMI family groups)
- Respond to client inquiries via phone and email with real-time supervisory support
- Enter timely, accurate clinical documentation into the electronic health record (within three business days of service)

Supervision and Professional Development

Interns participate in weekly clinical group supervision and receive individual supervision as needed. In addition, students take part in Administrative Group Supervision, a four-month orientation to Josselyn's full continuum of services, including psychiatry, IOP, Camp Neeka, Nuestro Josselyn, and The Resiliency Center (formerly The Living Room). This structured supervision model supports reflective practice, ethical decision-making, and integration of theory and practice.